OverDrive App - eBooks and eAudio

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EPUB eBooks and MP3 eAudiobooks are available for
Androids, iPads, iPhones, iPod Touches, Kindle Fires, and Nook Tablets

The library offers free eBooks and eAudiobooks through a service called OverDrive. There are no late fees. Titles are returned automatically when the checkout period expires or may be returned early. Ten items may be borrowed at a time.

What you will need

- Free OverDrive App
- Valid Fairfax County library card
- Wireless Internet Connection

One-Time Install

1. Download the OverDrive app from your device's app store.
2. Tap **Sign Up**, then **Sign up using library card**. In the **Location** field, type your zip code and then select a library branch.
3. Enter your library card number and password, then tap **Sign In**.
4. Select the **Add a title** button to enter the Fairfax County Public Library OverDrive catalog. You may also enter the OverDrive catalog through the app's Home menu button at the top left of the screen and selecting **Fairfax County Public Library**.

Search, borrow and download eBooks and eAudiobooks

1. From the OverDrive app's Home menu, tap **Fairfax County Public Library** to open the catalog.
2. Search for a title or author or tap the menu icon on the right to browse Subjects or Collections. Use **Advanced Search** for more options, or use the Filters to limit by format or availability.
3. If the title is available, tap **Borrow** below the book cover. Enter your library card number if prompted. If preferred, check the box to remember your card number on the device.
4. Titles are added to your **Loans,** which can be accessed through the book icon at the top of the screen. For eBooks, tap **Choose a Format** and select **EPUB eBook**. For eAudiobooks, select **Add to App (MP3 Audiobook)**.
5. To open your title, tap the menu icon in the top left to go to the app's **Bookshelf**.

Holds

1. If a title is not available, tap **Place a Hold** below the book cover. Enter your library card number and password if prompted.
2. When the title becomes available it will be automatically checked out to your account and you will be notified by email.
3. Check the status of your holds at any time. Tap the menu icon at the top right of the screen then select **Holds** to view your holds and your place on the holds list for each item. You may edit your notification email address, remove holds you no longer want, and suspend holds for up to 180 days.

When a hold becomes available

You will receive an email from Fairfax County Public library from the address **donotreply@overdrive.com**. If your titles are not set to be automatically borrowed, the hold will expire if not checked out within 96 hours.

1. On your device please visit the **Fairfax County Public Library website** from either the email link or from your device's browser at *http://fairfax.overdrive.com*.
2. Enter your library card number and password if prompted.
3. If your titles are set to be automatically borrowed, download the title from the **Loans** page. If not, borrow and download the title from the **Holds** page.

Return

In the App Bookshelf, tap and hold the cover to **Return** the item.   If a title has not yet been downloaded, it may be returned from the **Loans** page of the OverDrive catalog.

Renew

The option to renew a title becomes available three days before the title is set to expire and appears under the title in your **Loans.** You can only use the renew feature once per title. If other users are waiting you can **Request** the title which places you into the waiting list.

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OverDrive Read and OverDrive Listen

You may also choose to listen to or read the title in your browser. OverDrive Listen is a streaming audiobook player, so you'll need an active internet connection to use it. If you'd like to listen to audiobooks without an internet connection, you can still use the OverDrive app to download and listen to the MP3 format.

Note: Using OverDrive Listen can consume a lot of data, so if you're on a mobile plan with a data cap, we recommend using a Wi-Fi connection when streaming on your mobile device to avoid data overages.